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Addendum

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Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Item 4 (a))

Section 15
Human settlements

1. At its 19th meeting, on 23 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 15, Human settlements, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 15)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 15 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the work programme to be undertaken by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

4. Agreement was expressed regarding the focus on the role of women as active participants in the efforts to improve shelter conditions and urban governance, under subprogramme 1. The view was expressed that in addition to the importance attached to the role of women, the roles of the private sector and civil society should also be given prominence in the strategy for implementation of subprogramme 1. With regard to the private sector, the view was expressed that part of the role of UN-Habitat should focus on supporting small-scale housing construction enterprises.

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Regarding civil society, the view was expressed that the role of UN-Habitat should focus on supporting community development activities to facilitate transfer of technology in shelter development, mainly in rural communities.

5. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of proposals to discontinue outputs considered as obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective, in accordance with regulation 5.6 and rule 105.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. **The Committee emphasized the need for programme managers of section 15 to comply with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.**

7. **The Committee recommended replacing all references to the Millennium Declaration goals in section 15 with the phrase "the goals of the Millennium Declaration as set forth in General Assembly resolution 55/2".**

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 15, Human settlements, of the proposed programme budget for 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications:**

Table 15.10

(i) **Replace expected accomplishment (i) with the following:**

"Increased awareness of and sensitivity to the plight of the urban poor, and enhanced cooperation and partnership in slum upgrading initiatives in line with the Millennium Development Goal on 'cities without slums'";

(ii) **Insert in indicator of achievement (i) after the word "countries" the words "and other Habitat Agenda partners";**

(iii) **Delete in expected accomplishment (j) the words "renewable energy and";**

(iv) **Replace indicator of achievement (j) with the following:**

"(j) Number of countries working with UN-Habitat to promote access to diverse and efficient energy services as well as public and non-motorized transport".